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REPLY BRIEF

This is in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 4,
2007.

In Sections 9 and 10 of the Answer, the Examiner appears to confuse the vent frame (having external flanges 2 and vent closure (in the form of sheet cover 10) disclosed in Crofoot, and incorrectly assigns features of the Crofoot vent frame 2 to the vent closure 10. Moreover, there is nothing in the language of claim 1, nor any of the other claims on appeal, to allow the Examiner to morph vent frame and vent cover in Crofoot. As noted before claim 1 calls for air vent covers for attachment over air vent openings, to include... and seal [the air vent openings]. Claim 1 does not merely call for covers of any opening. Thus, according to claim 1, the air vent covers (have a configuration that) cover, close and seal the air vent openings. Now, looking again at Crofoot, it discloses external flange 2 that anchor the vent frame in the wall. Flange 2 in Crofoot is the vent frame and as such forms or defines the air vent opening. Sheet cover 10 is the air vent closure that covers the air vent opening formed by the flange 2. The vent frame and flange 2 in Crofoot cannot be reasonably read as an air vent cover. Claim 1 calls for the air vent covers comprising rectangular panels... with a flat outer surface surrounded by recessed peripheral border. The peripheral flange 2 in Crofoot, the Examiner relies on, is of the vent frame not of the air vent cover 10, and Crofoot fails to disclose air vent covers comprising rectangular panels with a flange outer surface surrounded by recessed peripheral border as otherwise called for in

claim

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